

# *Eastern Regional News*

***Eastern Bird Banding Association***

**Founded 1923**

## **DOROTHY ATKINS FOY 1926 - 1997**

Dorothy Atkins Foy died at the age of 71 on Saturday, May 17, 1997.

"Dottie," as we all knew her, was a master licensed bird bander since 1969. For 10 years she was one of several banders associated with the Kiptopeke Beach Banding Station, banded at home in Ship Bottom, NJ, for 12 years, at Island Beach State Park for 3 years, and at her home in Oriental, NC, for 17 years. At the time of her death she had banded over 54,000 birds of 184 species.

Dottie was a member of and held various positions in many ornithological organizations such as the North American Bluebird Society, NJ Audubon Society, VA Society of Ornithology, Carolina Bird Club, Alabama Ornithology Society, and the Cornell Project Feeder Watch. She was a counselor and historian for the Eastern Bird Banding Assoc. and compiled and had bound all official notes and minutes available in EBBA history.

Among her many contributions to conservation is the following: while living in New Jersey during the bitter winter of 1976 -77 when the bays adjacent to Long Beach Island froze solid and ducks were starving by the thousands, she established the Tri-Bay Duck Fund with volunteer donations from far and wide. After buying tons of food, she "persuaded the U.S. Navy to loan us a helicopter complete with crew," which they did, and flew the

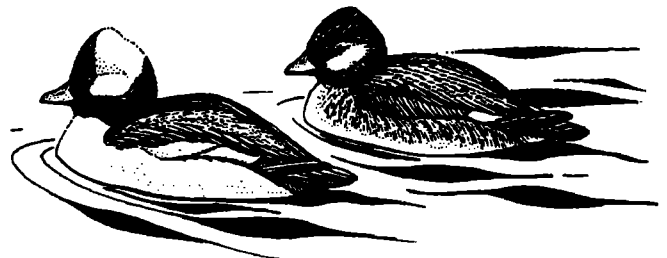
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food out to designated areas, which she had previously overflowed, and this continued until a thaw. For this act she was awarded a commendation plaque by the NJ Div. of Fish and Game and was honored at a banquet given by Ducks Unlimited where she was installed as Woman of the Year.

Her ashes were scattered in the ocean adjacent to her Long Beach Island community.

Our deepest sympathy to her husband, Roger, her relatives, and many close friends.



**Excerpts from Minutes of  
EBBA's 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
held 11-13 April 1997 at  
Sunset Beach Inn  
Cape Charles, Virginia**

**Treasurer's Report:** Two checks for \$20,000 were received from Net Committee funds due to the lack of availability of nets. Because of this increased money in our treasury, council voted to increase the two memorial grants from \$250.00 to \$500.00 each for next year.

**Memorial Grant:** Two grants were approved for \$250.00 each. (See report published elsewhere in this section of the journal.)

**Mist Net Committee:** The Net Committee is still having difficulty getting mist nets for resale. Council decided that we will continue to try to get mist nets for resale and a committee will be formed to locate a source of mist nets.

**Back Issues:** Elaine Mease reported that she has many back issues of *NABB* for sale.

**Membership Committee:** Elaine Mease reported that we have gained 25 new members in the past year, but with those who have died and those who have not renewed their membership, the membership currently stands at 449.

**Editor:** Robert Pantle thanked those who had contributed articles for publication in *NABB* and thanked Roy Slack for his work as Advertising Manager.

**Nominating Committee:** President Lahr read the slate of nominees of officers for the coming year:

President	Earl Hodnett
First VP	David Hauber
Second VP	Elizabeth Brooks
Third VP	Alan Gehret
Secretary	Robert McKinney
Treasurer	Donald Mease
Editor	Robert Pantle

Councilor - Class of 2000     Mary Forness  
   Robert Yunick  
   Tony Quezon  
   Kenneth Heselton

Councilor to fill unexpired term, class of 1988  
   Mary Doscher

The motion was made and passed instructing the secretary to cast one ballot for the slate.

**Old Business:** Robert McKinney inquired whether there has been any progress in obtaining a document from the Banding Lab to support deductions that banders claim on their tax returns for banding expenses such as mist nets, traps or trap materials, travel expenses and lodging expenses away from home. Last year, Bob Yunick had provided Don Mease a suggested letter Don could provide people making contributions over \$250.00 to EBBA. Bob also spoke to John Tautin and followed up that discussion with a letter urging John to investigate the possibility of issuing such a document. Because of other pressing duties, John was unable to do something about it at the time but intended to pursue the matter. Nothing has been heard from John since. Bob offered to write the Lab again.

Roy Slack made an appeal for suggestions for advertisers in *NABB*. In answer to a question regarding advertising from businesses in the eco-tourism business, Roy said that according to our By-Laws, it is acceptable as long as the organization caters to birders.

**New Business:** David Hauber announced that the meeting next year will be held in Erie, PA, the weekend of 17-19 April, at the Villa Maria Conference Center.

Mary Doscher, EBBA's representative to the North American Banding Council, gave a brief report on the council, which is made up of representatives from the three regional banding organizations, the AOU, the Wilson Society, and other ornithological organizations. Their purpose is to provide bander training and the appropriate training manuals for new banders.

**Honorary Member:** President Lahr announced that EBBA's secretary for the past ten years, Robert McKinney, was awarded honorary membership in EBBA. All agreed that it was an excellent choice.

### Annual Meeting Program

**Friday Night's Program:** Former Refuge Manager, **Sherman Stairs**, discussed the refuge system and the Eastern Shore of Virginia N.W.R.

**Saturday:** Bird Hike - Passerine Banding Project at Kiptopeke State Park - Equipment Displays - Bucket Raffle

**Paper Session - Roy Slack**, Moderator

Banding in the Dismal Swamp - **Don Schwab**  
Autumn Migration of Bicknell's and Gray-cheeked Thrushes at Kiptopeke, VA - **Michael Wilson**  
Autumn Migration of Northern Saw-whet Owls on the Lower Delmarva Peninsula - **David Whalen**  
Passerine Banding at Kiptopeke - **Don Schwab**  
Ospreys on the Patuxent River - **Steve Cardano**

### **Papers and Workshops -**

**Robert Yunick**, Moderator

Annual Report from the Bird Banding Laboratory  
Migratory Bird Investigations - **Don Patterson**  
Waterfowl Diseases in the Chesapeake Bay -  
**Gary Costanzo** Ph.D.

Road Trapping for Owls - **Earl Hodnett**  
Birds of a Field Station in New Guinea -  
**Fred Atwood**

Birding and Birding on the Internet -  
**Tony Quezon & Mark Tashiro**  
M.A.P.S. Update - **Ken Burton**

**Banquet Program** - Feather Tales - **Carla Dove**,  
Smithsonian Institute Division of Birds

EBBA wishes to thank all the people who participated in this program for their willingness to present and share their knowledge. Special thanks to **Earl Hodnett** and his committee for their great job in presenting a very successful meeting.



## EBBA's 1998 Annual Meeting

April 17th - 19th

Villa Maria Conference Center

Erie, PA.